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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Case Name/No. Etter 10  
Serial No: 10/674,721  
Filing Date: September 30, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2626  
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

SIR:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of application Serial No. 10/674721 filed on September 30, 2003 entitled Method And Apparatus For Adjusting The Level Of A Speech Signal In Its Encoded Format

**NOTE:** 37 CFR § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR § 1.53(d) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**a. ☐ *Previously Submitted*

- i.
- ☐
- Consider the amendment/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

- ii.
- ☐
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

- iii.
- ☐
- Other

b. ☒ *Enclosed*

- i.
- ☒
- Amendment/Reply

- ii.
- ☐
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii.
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- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- iv.
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- Other

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**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

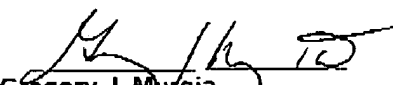
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No. 12-2325.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) - \$810.00
- ii. ☒ Other - Third Month Extension of Time - \$1,110.00

In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit Deposit Account No. 12-2325 as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

Please address all correspondence to Docket Administrator (Room 2F-192), Lucent Technologies, Inc., 600-700 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974-0636. However, telephone calls should be made to me at 908-582-7109.

Respectfully,

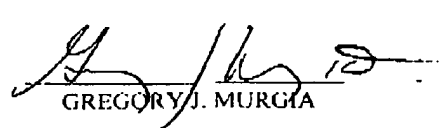
  
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